SUBJECT No. 344.

The Suvarnavati project.

Mr. L. Narasimhachar, Hassan Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Suvarnavati is in floods only during the rains and dries up during the hot season, but there are many tanks and wells on either side of its course and a project was once contemplated to construct a reservoir by throwing a dam across it. This project has not yet been taken up in earnest. The reservoir may be constructed early. 7,000 or 8,000 acres are already watered by this river and a large extent of land can be easily brought under cultivation.

Reply of Government.—The project was abandoned for want of reliable foundations for a dam at the several sites examined.

SUBJECT No. 345.

Repairs to the nala from the Suvarnavati.

Mr. L. Narasimhachar, Hassan Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The channel called Hosahalli channel drawn from the Suvarnavati river has fallen into disrepair and is now useless. The Public Works Department to whom the question was referred seem to have reported that no channel can be maintained without an anikat.

None of the channels from the Suvarnavati has any anikat; water is diverted, only by temporary dam of bamboos and reeds.

The question may be again taken up and viewed favorably.

Reply of Government.—The Executive Engineer, Mysore Division, has promised to submit an estimate for the work in the course of the next 2 or 3 months.

SUBJECT No. 346.

Water-supply in minor channels of the Suvarnavati.

Mr. L. Narasimhachar, Hassan Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The water in the minor channels of the Suvarnavati is not regularly supplied for bagayat lands during the hot weather. The channel officials supply water as they please.

It would be better if the repairs to these channels be carried out in the Revenue Department.

The sluices under these channels are silted up during the floods and therefore a head sluice may be constructed so as to facilitate the continuous supply of water.

The works connected with these channels may be carried out in the Revenue Department at least for a few years as an experiment.

Reply of Government.—Rules on the subject of supply of water from the channels in Mysore will be enforced.

SUBJECT No. 347.

Regulation of water-supply in nalas.

Mr. Subrahmaniya, Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—At present the Public Works Department is in charge of all channels for six months in the year and the Revenue Department for the remaining six months.

This duel control leads to complaints from the ryots in regard to water-supply.